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Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Barbari

Teamwork

The 820th Rapid Engineering Deployable Heavy Operations Repair Squadron Engineers from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., are nearing completion on the new Barrier Arresting Kit-12 they are installing on the D-M flightline. The 24-person team is being aided by four members of the 355th Civil Engineering Squadron. The project is saving the Air Force approximately \$100,000 compared to the cost of a private contractor.



Staff Sgt. Tammie Clark

(Left) Right to left, Airman 1st Class John Cason, pours concrete into the BAK-12 pit wall form as Senior Airman Jamon Larry, both from 820th RED HORSE, assists. Airman 1st Class John McAllister, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Emmanuel Ramirez, 820th RED HORSE, finishes the concrete as Senior Airman Scott Cruz, 820th RED HORSE, observes. (Above) Airman 1st Class Robert Bushwalter, 355th CES, pours concrete into the fair lead tube that houses BAK-12 purchase tape.

Providing for our Airmen in times of need

AFAS offers grants, interest free loans as avenues to help with financial problems

By 2nd Lt. Beth Tucker
355th Wing Public Affairs

Free money? It's a taunt some nationwide, short-term loan companies use to entice Airmen and Americans into taking loans. Without reading the small print it is hard to realize the impact of the offer. According to one na-

tional short-notice loan company, on a typical 14-day loan, the average Annual Percentage Rate is 782.14 percent. On a \$100 loan, to fix a car's transmission, to fly home unexpectedly for an emergency, for medical or dental expenses not covered by TRICARE or even to pay the electric bill for the month, the APR adds \$30 to the overall debt, and that's if it is

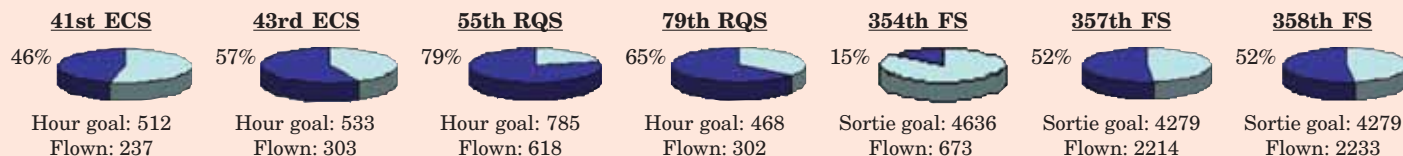
paid off within the 14 days.

"These companies' marketing techniques can be misleading and often get Airmen and others in the door," said Master Sergeant Mike Starkey, 355th Mission Support Squadron deputy director of the family support center

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Training to fight ... sorties at D-M

(Numbers represent hours and sorties flown to-date for fiscal 2004 and are current as of April 5)





Airman Christina Kinsey

Airman 1st Class Robert Gordon, 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Col. Larry Stutzriem, 355th Wing commander, do a final inspection on an A-10.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people.

Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements.

The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line

number is 228-4747.

An e-mail can also be sent to: 355th.Wing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*.

Agency numbers

AAFES Agencies.....	228-3904	Inspector General.....	228-3558
Accounting and Finance.....	228-4964	Legal.....	228-6432
Chaplain.....	228-5411	Lodging.....	228-4845
Civil Engineering.....	228-3401	Military and Civilian Equal	
Clinic.....	228-2930	Opportunity Office.....	228-5509
Commissary.....	228-3116	Military Personnel.....	228-5689
Family Support.....	228-5690	Public Affairs.....	228-3204
Fitness and Sports Center.....	228-0022	Security Forces.....	228-6178
Haefner Fitness Center.....	228-3714	Services.....	228-5596
Housing Office.....	228-3687	Transportation.....	228-3584

Force protection measures

Concern: Now that the Force Protection Condition is low, I was wondering why there are three cement barriers leaving base.

Response: Thank you for your question and concern for the security of the installation. Recently, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force mandated all Air Force installations to erect barriers at the inbound and outbound lanes of all gates and to conduct ID checks of all vehicle operators.

The reasons for the barriers are two-fold. First, we erect barriers on the inbound lane to prevent what is known as a "High-Speed Avenue of Approach" or HSAA. An HSAA is a straight-line route through a gate where a vehicle can build significant speed to bypass gate guards and prevent timely reaction.

The second purpose is to preclude surreptitious entry onto the base from a vehicle entering through the outbound lanes. While these barriers may not prevent entry, they do slow down vehicles and offer increased reaction time for our Security Forces.

You may notice the Craycroft Gate does not have any barriers on the inbound lanes. When we redesigned this gate last fall, we re-routed the roads in a sweeping arc thus eliminating the HSAA.

We will keep the barriers in the outbound lanes until we install other permanent measures.

You should notice at the Wilmot and Swan Gates we've installed steel plates in the roadway. These steel plates are denial barriers

placed inside the gate to afford increased reaction time for Security Forces. Should a vehicle not stop for the gate guards, they can activate the denial barriers which are capable of stopping a very large vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed almost immediately.

Additionally, to prevent circumventing the denial barriers, we've placed boulders on both sides of the lanes. This not only prevents denial of our barrier avoidance, but is consistent with our Premera Vista when entering the installation.

In the outbound lanes, we will soon install a permanent solution, called the "tiger teeth" to prevent access onto the installation via the outbound lanes.

Essentially, this equipment is much like the one-way treadles in the road at car rental returns. Going the proper direction, the teeth roll down. If going the wrong way, all tires are shredded. Again boulders will line the lanes to preclude avoiding the equipment.

All three of D-M's main base gates will have these measures installed shortly, following the Department of Defense Installation Entry Gate model. It may seem appear as overkill, but all of our measures are consistent with Chief of Staff of the Air Force directives.

Remember, we have to get this right everytime, the terrorist only has to get it right once.

If you have any further questions please contact Master Sergeant Duane Judy, the installation Antiterrorism Officer, at 228-0027.

Team D-M Mission Spotlight



Tech. Sgt. Marlin Zimmerman

The 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron directs all wing transportation, supply and logistics planning functions supporting A/OA-10, HC-130 and HH-60E combat-ready aircraft.

355th LRS manages more than \$202 million in supplies and equipment, maintains \$42 million worth of vehicles and directs \$49 million in fuels support. They generate deployments reception, planning and execution and manage personnel and equipment for operational tasking.

Airman First Class David Ransom of the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron tests a chemical defense mask for a proper seal before storing it with other individual readiness equipment. Airman Smith is a War Readiness apprentice at D-M. He is part of a team of personnel responsible for maintaining individual readiness equipment for the 355th Wing and all Davis-Monthan tenant units.



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Everyone can prevent security violations

What are emanations? They are unintentional signals that, if intercepted and analyzed, would disclose the information transmitted, received, handled or otherwise processed by telecommunications or automated systems.

Information systems' vulnerability to emanations is the key concern of Emission Security. By definition, EMSEC is the protection resulting from all measures designed to deny unauthorized people information of value which might be derived from intercept and analysis. If classified emanations are intercepted and captured by adversaries, the damage to national security can be severe.

Although Air Force EMSEC efforts control compromising emanations for organizations that process classified information, the users need to know their responsibilities and how they can help.

First, understand that unintentional emanations can and do occur. Second, eavesdroppers who want sensitive and classified information are out there. Finally, establish a part-

nership between units and the Information Assurance office.

Users should identify the information systems that process classified information; the volume, relative sensitivity and perishability of the information. Be aware of the physical control measures in effect around the area that will process classified information. The IA office will help identify required IA countermeasures; assess the need for EMSEC as part of IA; advise commanders of vulnerabilities, threats and risks; and recommend a practical course of action.

Individuals doing their part help prevent accidental emanations that can damage our national security and help everyone rest assured that classified information is always protected.

For more information, contact the 355th Communications Squadron IA office at 228-0835.

(Information for this article courtesy of the 355th CS.)



Courtesy photos

The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal features a shield adapted from the Great Seal of the U.S. The back has the eagle, serpent, swords and the inscription "War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal."

President approves medals for support of war on terrorism

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service medals have been approved by the President for personnel deployed and/or participated in and/or served in support of global war on terrorism operation since Sept. 11, 2001.

The Secretary of the Air Force has yet to distribute guidelines on how and when this award will be updated and approve for wear.

Military clothing sales stocks and sells these medals but members are not authorized to wear them until they are updated in the Military Personnel Data System. Further instructions from AFPC will follow when information is available.



The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal has an eagle and wings display, with a terrestrial globe and the inscription "War on Terrorism Service Medal." The reverse side features a laurel wreath.

News Notes

Black Heritage Association

The BHA is scheduled to hold a meeting today from 11 a.m. to noon at the Mirage Officers' Club to vote for committee officers. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Robin Hawkins at 228-2688.

Motorcycle rides

Security forces are enforcing the requirement for all motorcycle operators to wear a brightly colored vest with reflective material i.e., orange, red, green, or yellow over clothing to gain access to D-M. The Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4 and the Air Force Instruction 91-207 require: a brightly colored outer upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment during the night. Outer upper garment shall be clearly visible and not covered. These requirements apply to all operators.

Base theater closure

The base theater will be closed until April 16 for complete renovations.

Equipment available at DRMO

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office has free equipment and supplies available to Department of Defense organizations in need including clothing, refrigerators, furniture, vehicles and more. DRMO is open Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.drms.dla.mil.

Beautification, Clean-Up Week

Family Housing will be holding Beautification and Clean-Up Week from April 26 to 30. There will be prizes for the top three most improved houses and yards. Judging will be held the week of May 3.

USAF Reserve vacancies

There are officer and enlisted vacancies open in the Air Force Reserve. For more information contact, Master Sgt. Clark Fitzpatrick at 228-3468.

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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at

850-2233

10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and
4 p.m. to midnight Sundays for a ride.



Emergency Numbers

Ambulance.....	911	Base Operations.....	228-4315
Casualty Assistance.....	228-3686	Mortuary Officer.....	228-5964 or 4414
(After duty hours).....	228-3121	(After duty hours).....	228-3121
Duty Chaplain.....	228-5411	Command Post.....	228-7400
(After duty hours).....	228-3517	355th Security Forces Crime Stop..	228-4444
Fire Reporting.....	911	Safety.....	228-5558
Public Affairs.....	228-3204	(After duty hours).....	909-0316
(After duty hours).....	228-7400	Base locator.....	228-3347
Fraud Waste and Abuse.....	228-3177	TIPS Line.....	228-TIPS (8477)

71 Days until the ESOHCAMP assessment

Compressed gas cylinders must be securely stored to prevent falling. Container outlets must be capped when not in use. Containers must have a serviceable or empty tag on the cylinders depending on status. Stored compressed gasses cannot be stored in a flammable locker or with other flammable or combustible materials.

Programs for families of deployed Airmen help support D-M's missions

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

In following with its namesake, the Davis-Monthan Family Support Center is taking steps to ensure the families of deployed active-duty members are supported during their absence.

Each of the FSC's services are just another way D-M is ensuring its Airmen are prepared to deploy when called.

"The services are offered to ease the stress and tension families may experience during a deployment," said Tech. Sgt. Karen Kaylor, 355th Mission Support Squadron Family Readiness NCO. "If a member knows their family will be taken care of while they are away, it [relieves] some of the apprehension of being tasked to deploy."

While extensive, the list of specific services and programs available offers quality support to family members.

"The Air Force Aid Society offers

a free oil change and safety inspection on the primary vehicle, as well as free babysitting twice a month," said Sergeant Kaylor. "[355th Services Squadron] offers Deployed Family Dining at the base dining facility every Tuesday night."

In addition, there are morale calls once a week, computer support for home computers, free monthly activities to places around Tucson, Ariz., like the Reid Park Zoo, pizza and sub sandwich parties and more.

And with the variety of options for families of deployed personnel comes assurance that the active duty member can better support the mission.

"Our goal is to lessen the impact on families as a result of a deployment," said Master Sgt. Michael Starkey, 355th MSS FSC superintendent. "The Family Readiness Programs are designed to ensure the deployed members are secure in knowing that their families back home are taken care of so they [can] concentrate on de-

ployed location taskings."

There are several ways to learn about what the FSC has to offer. Active duty members can contact their first sergeant or bring their family to the FSC prior to their deployment. Family members can also contact the FSC directly at 228-5690.

However, the D-M community is reminded that the programs are not limited to just the family of deployed members.

"Every immediate family member of D-M including, military, civilian and other services are highly encouraged to participate in our Family Readiness Programs," said Sergeant Starkey. "We'll never turn away a volunteer."

According to Sergeant Kaylor, weekday Family Readiness Program volunteers will even receive free babysitting while they volunteer.

Those interested in helping with any Family Readiness function can call Sergeant Kaylor directly at the number listed above.



Airman Christina Kinsey

Paige McBride, daughter of Shannon and Staff Sgt. Edward McBride, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, attempts to hit a golf ball, as part of the Hearts Apart golf event. Hearts Apart is one of the many Family Support Center programs targeted at providing support to spouses and families of deployed Airmen.

Loans

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and Air Force Aid Society official. "While inside, flashing the money entices them to sign the dotted line. During emergencies, Airmen can be in a hurry and may not take the time to read the fine print."

Airmen are not alone in working their finances at Davis-Monthan and across the Air Force. The Air Force Aid Society is the official charity of the United States Air Force. Its mission is to provide worldwide emergency assistance to Airmen and their family members as well as providing education assistance and base community enhancement programs.

The time aspect of going off-base to get short-notice money should not be an excuse for not looking into the AFAS, said Rico Triana, family support center's community readiness technician. Normally, loans are approved on the same day the customer is seen at the FSC. In extreme emergencies loans can be approved in one hour.

"AFAS assistance can come in the form of a grant (no pay back), or as a no-cost loan at zero percent interest," said Sergeant Starkey.

Emergency assistance is distributed based on an assessment of the emergency situation along with an evaluation of the Airman's current budget. From these two determinations, either an interest free loan or a grant can be

issued to the person in need.

Fiscal 2003, D-M received more than \$182,000 in emergency loans.

The AFAS programs recognize that all situations are unique and base the need for a loan on three criteria according to the Air Force Aid Society Assistance Guide: the first condition is that without the assistance, a member cannot pay for specific basic need and that need inhibits the Airman's ability to do their Air Force job or they create a void for the Airman's quality and dignity of life. The second is that the need for the money must be essential. Finally, the assistance must be aimed at a specific need. Generally the need is limited to short-term periods.

Current AFAS policies consider requests for basic living expenses (food, rent, utilities), medical care, dental care, funeral expenses, vehicle repairs, pay/allotment problems, disasters and assistance to surviving dependents. While these are broad categories, there are specifics within each area that AFAS cannot fund including non-essentials like televisions, VCRs or microwaves, or to fund non-TRICARE approved medical procedures, to pay taxes or legal expenses.

Assistance for paying non-essential bills, such as cell phone and credit card payments are not considered.

A wide variety of Airmen are eligible to receive assistance active duty members and their

dependents, retired Air Force personnel and dependents (on a case-by-case review), Air National Guard and Reserve personnel on extended active duty away from their homes for more than 15 days, and spouses and dependent age children of deceased Air Force personnel (who died on active duty or in retired status).

While commanders, supervisors and first sergeants play an important role in getting Airmen help, the Air Force Aid Society has an open-door policy for those needing assistance.

The first step to obtaining aid is to contact the family support center and the Airman's first sergeant to make an appointment.

"All staff members here at the Family Support Center are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist all military members and their families," said Mr. Triana. To contact the Family Support Center during duty hours, call 228-5690. During non-duty hours, call 228-7400.

Nurturing our Airmen includes looking after current and future financial endeavors. The fine print and the interest on short-notice loans do not go away until it is completely paid off. The impact on credit history for the individual can be detrimental to future opportunities.

"It is every commander's, first sergeant's and supervisor's responsibility to promote financial responsibility," said Sergeant Starkey. "If all of our Airmen practiced smart financial management, think how much better our Air Force would be."

Fighting the battle at home -- D-M stands a role-model in ACC

By 2nd Lt. Beth Tucker
355th Wing Public Affairs

The Davis-Monthan Desert Lightning team has proven to Air Combat Command that it is striking quickly and with force against any and all issues related to anti-terrorism and force protection.

"D-M is at the forefront of ACC when it comes to anti-terrorism and force protection," said Master Sgt. Duane Judy, 355th Wing, D-M anti-terrorism officer. "The base has benchmarked a number of initiatives including utilizing common access cards for access into 'critical' facilities. We were the first ACC base to implement infrastructure protection and detection and we were the first base to install mass notification systems into facilities."

For these efforts and many more, D-M was awarded ACC's Outstanding Installation Anti-terrorism Program Award for 2003 and is currently competing at the Air Force level.

Being on the forefront of protecting our Airmen, Air Force assets and the base, many of the initiatives start at the front gates, but efforts are numerous and sometimes unseen beyond the welcome signs of the base.

Many of the construction projects on base

have AT/FP measures included in their design. "Pre-Sept. 11, 2001, monies [for AT/FP] were in short supply. Post Sept. 11, 2001, AT/FP monies were overly abundant," said Sergeant Judy. "The majority of D-Ms identified vulnerabilities were identified pre-Sept. 11, 2001."

D-M recently obtained \$12.5 million for fiscal 2003, which accounted for 26 percent of the AT/FP money available from ACC. Two examples of this money being used are the projects at the 12th Air Force and 355th Wing Headquarters' parking lots.

As a new initiative from the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General John Jumper, all bases will begin random "red team" exercises.

"Red teams' look at the base from a terrorist's viewpoint and attempt to exploit vulnerabilities," said Sergeant Judy.

A few of the evaluations that 'Red Team' personnel will participate in will include surveillance and intelligence gathering exercises. Personnel will determine if a subject uses the same routes to and from work every day, if they arrive and depart at the same times every day or if there are other established patterns. Intelligence exercises will include trying to get



information from a target.

"By taking an outsider's approach, we can better define our shortfalls and develop methods to better educate our folks and mitigate our vulnerabilities," said Sergeant Judy. "These exercises will be done randomly and not necessarily during scheduled exercises."

The other force protection measure driven by General Jumper has been the 100 percent ID checks.

"It has increased deterrence," said Sergeant Judy. "Confiscated ID cards that are expired and or altered, have increased dramatically. You may even see a decrease in criminal activity around the base."

As part of the annual AT/FP training, all Airmen are reminded to do their part in fighting against terrorists.

"Simple things people can do to help are locking their vehicles when unattended and varying routes of travel and installation gate usage," said Sergeant Judy.

D-M will continue fighting and standing as the role model in ACC, if every member of the team contributes to the efforts.

Sergeant Judy said, "It's everyone's responsibility."

Self-help store offers free use of tools, equipment to family housing residents

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Clark
355th Wing Public Affairs

Installation stewardship is achieved not only through massive base reconstruction projects but also by maintaining every facility on the base.

To assist base housing residents in maintaining their homes and yards, the Acepex Housing Maintenance office's self help store, located in the housing maintenance facility, provides a variety of items and sign-out tools to residents at no cost.

"Items are available so residents can perform basic maintenance on their assigned quarters at no cost. By performing these minor maintenance items, residents don't have to wait for an appointment for a technician to perform the repairs. Minor maintenance, such as changing air conditioner filters regularly, saves both time and energy," said Mike McClelland, Acepex contract manager.

A plethora of items are available at the self help store to assist with almost any self-help project.

"Air conditioner filters are the most common items residents think of, but we have other items. Specialty light bulbs, such as florescent bulbs, vanity bulbs and appliance bulbs are available. Residents may pick up switch and receptacle plates, shower heads, refrigerator door handles and light fixture globes," said Mr. McClelland. Replacement toilet seats are also available, but residents should check to see if they need a round or elongated seat before coming to the self-help store.

"A full list of items is available at the self help store counter," he said. "We have a variety of basic garden and yard tools available for check-out. These include items such as shovels, rakes, post hole tools, clippers, pruning saws, wheel barrows, animal traps and leaf blowers."

Seasonal items such as grass seeds, fertilizer and weed killer are also available at certain times of the year. One bag of grass seed and one bag fertilizer are available to each address per year between April 1 and Oct. 31. One bottle of herbicide (weed killer) is also available to each address per month between

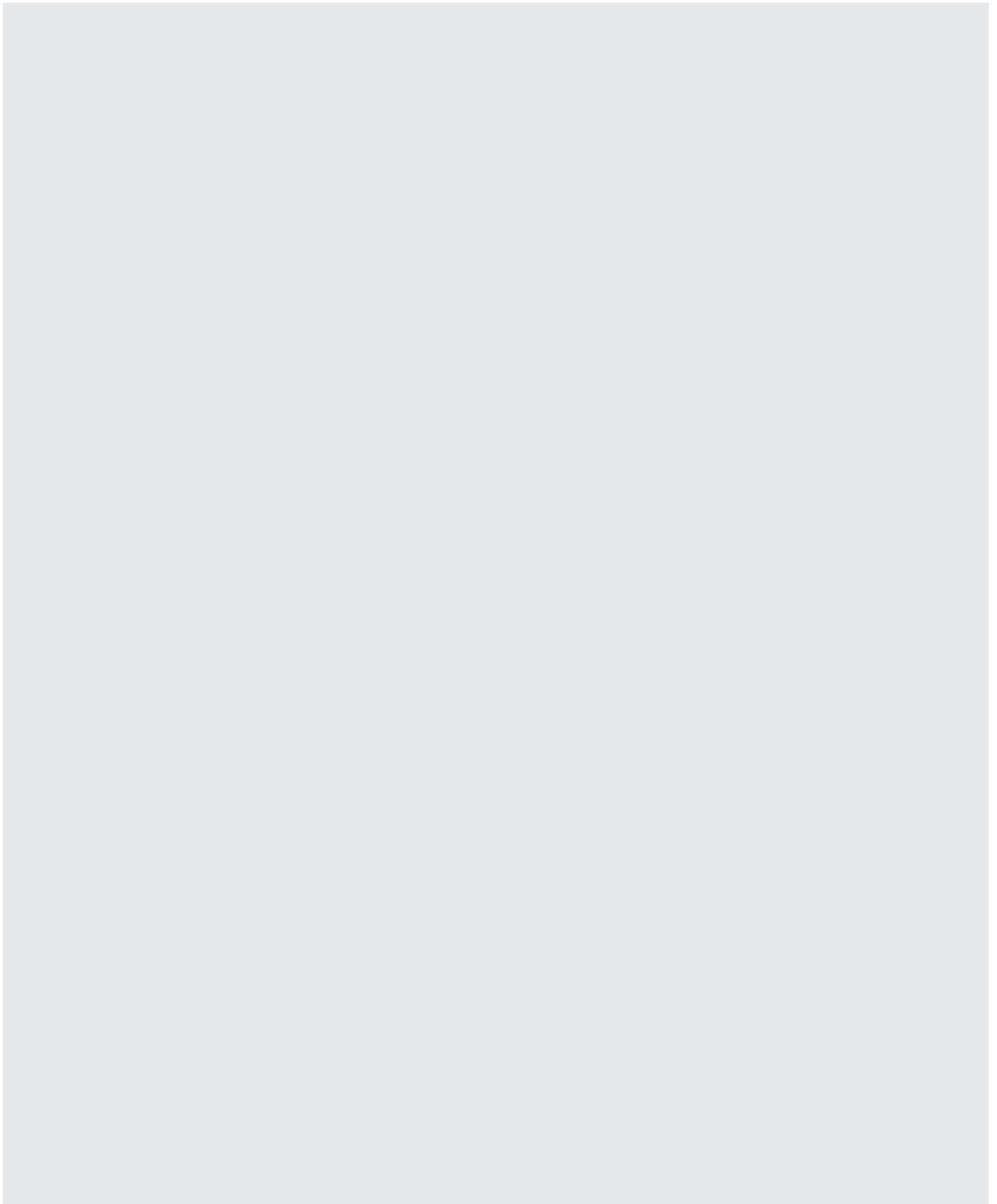
April 1 and Oct. 31, said Mr. McClelland. "We also have different pesticides, such as ant baits, roach traps, insecticide spray and mouse traps available."

Residents may call to see if an item is available and place it on hold by providing their name and address, for pick up the same day.

"Self help parts are signed out on an issue receipt. Residents provide their name and address and sign the form to acknowledge receipt for the items. Self help tools are signed out on an individual tool receipt. The receipt is given to the resident when the tools are returned," said Mr. McClelland. Family members must be older than 18 years of age to sign out items.

Tools are available to sign out for a maximum of three calendar days. If it is needed longer, a three day extension can be requested, said Mr. McClelland. Only one extension is authorized as demand is high for a limited number of tools.

The self help store is open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact the self help store at 228-8600.



Bulldog fighter pilot takes aim on terrorism

By Master Sgt. Jeff Szczechowski
455th Expeditionary Operations Group

AFGHANISTAN – Talk to most anyone in the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group, and a recurring theme is the desire to provide the best support possible for friendly forces on the ground.

The way to do that is by making sure the A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft here are always ready to fly at a moment's notice, so that an overwhelming air presence is constantly available in the skies of Afghanistan, whenever and wherever needed. Ultimately, the fighter pilots of the 354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron make air dominance in Operation Enduring Freedom a daily reality.

In a recent battle, 1st Lt. Michael Stock, the 354th Bulldogs' newest and youngest pilot, who arrived here Feb. 13, helped to provide the kind of support ground troops expect from Airmen. He also got his first taste of combat experience. The success of his timely interdiction during a heated firefight once again demonstrated the lethal efficiency of the A-10.

Lieutenant Stock was flying "convoy escort" support when an urgent call from a ground radio station came in: "Troops in contact." U.S. soldiers and members of the Afghan National Army were taking intense small arms fire from enemy forces, who had holed-up in a compound. Two soldiers had been killed in the fight, along with an Afghan National Army ally and several others were wounded. Just weeks after being certified "Combat Mission Ready," the lieutenant was about to enter the fray of battle.

Flying in a two-ship formation, with his 354th EFS commander, Lt. Col. John Horner, in the lead and Lieutenant Stock as the wingman, the aircraft swung into action. The youngest and oldest Bulldogs were en route to the scene of the action.

After getting precise guidance from an indispensable Joint Terminal Air Controller on the ground, Lieutenant Stock provided coverage as Colonel Horner dove in to deliver a Maverick air-to-ground missile that smashed



Master Sgt. Jeff Szczechowski

1st Lt. Michael Stock, an A-10 fighter pilot with the 354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, sits in the cockpit of his A-10 Thunderbolt II prior to flying a mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Lieutenant Stock is deployed from Davis-Monthan's 354th Fighter Squadron.

into its target. Despite the direct hit, enemy resistance continued, repelling friendly force attempts to storm the compound.

Getting low on gas, Colonel Horner apprised Lieutenant Stock over radio of the situation at hand, then the two rolled back toward the target, first the lead ship, then his wingman, both unleashing deadly-accurate 30mm cannon fire into the compound.

Having entered battle for the first time, Lieutenant Stock employed his weapons with the cool efficiency and professionalism of a seasoned veteran, said Colonel Horner.

"Given his inexperience, his performance was noteworthy," said the colonel. "The scenario we were in was extremely challenging due to the complexity, the dangerously close proximity of friendly forces to the target, coordination requirements with attack helicopters, terrain, communications limitations and extremely low fuel state. He stayed in formation and put his shots abeam mine with pinpoint accuracy."

Lieutenant Stock said that the many months of fighter pilot training that he received from outstanding Air Force instructors made him ready for this moment.

"Everything is very methodical in training, and there's a lot of repetition, which is very helpful," he said. "This was just like training ... but with real people and real targets."

He said that he didn't have time to feel a sense of anxiety or worry when the call for action came, because there were too many other factors to attend to.

Lieutenant Stock then explained some of the critical things that a fighter pilot has to consider before launching weapons, including attacking at the right angle, at the proper air speed, and with the correct distance from the target before

pulling the trigger. He also explained that he had to position his aircraft to shoot from the appropriate direction so that none of the 30mm rounds would hit "friendlies" battling on the ground.

"It's like splitting hairs," Lieutenant Stock said, explaining the precision of the targeting process. "Until this instance, I'd never taken such precise aim in my life."

He said that having the utmost confidence in his lead pilot during the engagement, along with a sense of not wanting to fail his 354th EFS teammates, provided extra impetus for a successful mission.

"I trusted my lead (Colonel Horner) 100 percent. He's very professional," said the lieutenant. "This entire squadron is very professional, and they don't accept weak links. I didn't want to be one."

In a familiar refrain, Lieutenant Stock said he was glad that he could be there to support the troops on the ground. He also told of the respect that he has for them.

"We come back (to base) after a few hours," he said. "They're out there for weeks on end."

Once he returned to the base, Lieutenant Stock said he remained concerned about the ground troops. He said there was no room for excitement about his first combat experience until he learned more about how his actions affected those engaged in the ground fight.

"Once you know that you did everything asked of you, then you feel good about the job you did," he said. "I feel great that we were able to do our part and take out some terrorists."

Providing the best support possible for friendly forces on the ground. Nothing paints that OEF picture more vividly than an A-10 Thunderbolt II seeking out and destroying our nation's enemies.



Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson

An A-10 flies above Davis-Monthan during the Heritage Flight Conference held March 6 and 7.

Compass Call

EC-130 crew details mission, OIF success stories

By Senior Master Sgt. Rick Burnham
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — At the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom, dozens of Iraqi soldiers waited patiently near the al Faw Peninsula for instructions being transmitted from higher headquarters to blow up key oil fields there.

The message never came.

In its place, courtesy of the U.S. Air Force's EC-130H "Compass Call" aircraft and a handful of crewmembers, was static. Followed by more static. And then, static.

The story is one of many success stories compiled by the Airmen of Air Combat Command's Compass Call mission, flown on C-130 Hercules aircraft modified and configured to perform tactical information warfare. Compass Call crewmembers from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's associate unit, the 55th Electronic Combat Group, were at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., March 31 to detail those successes, along with a host of unit capabilities, to Air Force and media representatives.

Those capabilities include jamming and degrading communications essential to the command and control of weapons systems and

other enemy resources, according to U.S. Air Force fact sheets.

The aircraft and the people who fly, maintain and work on it, have reputations as being the military's premier communications jammers, said 1st Lt. James Kovarovic, EC-130H electronic warfare officer and mission crew commander from the 41st Electronic Combat Squadron at Davis-Monthan.

"When they look at communications-jamming roles," said Lt. Kovarovic a Dodge City, Kan., native, "they look at Compass Call first. We offer one of the few aircraft that can provide line-of-sight, airborne capability."

The mission crew commander is one of 13 people aboard a typical Compass Call mission, the lieutenant said. Those include four who are responsible for aircraft flight, and another nine who operate and maintain the primary mission equipment — a dazzling array of electronic gear — at the rear of the plane. Among the nine specialists are cryptologic linguists and an airborne maintenance technician.

Staff Sgt. Keith Capra, a D-M EC-130H crew chief, said the aircraft itself is great to work on and that its capabilities rival those of any aircraft in the Air Force arsenal. But, he added,



Courtesy photo

Compass Call is the designation for the EC-130H configured to perform tactical command, control and communications countermeasures, associated navigation and communications systems.

what makes the mission so special is the synergy between the people assigned to it.

"Teamwork is what makes our mission work so well," he said. "Operations and maintenance (Airmen) really know how to work together to get things done. Having such a small number of planes, we all learn early on to work together."

Capt. Brian Lamirande, 41st ECS EC-130 co-pilot, who flew more than 300 hours during OIF as an EC-130H co-pilot, said being on the team is a great job all around. "I love the plane, but the best part of the entire thing was being there with the people who work on this plane, being part of the mission, doing what we are trained to do."

The importance of what we do in a combat zone

Lt. Col. Bob LaBrutta

455th Expeditionary Support Squadron

After the C-130 Hercules performed combat maneuvers en-route and the wheels of the plane finally hit the tarmac, I took my first glimpse of the location that I'd be assigned to for the next 90 days. In that instant, an immediate sense of pride and honor completely overwhelmed me. I realized right then what a privilege I had been given — the opportunity to directly contribute to the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group's combat support mission and the Global War On Terrorism.

Now, one month later, the initial adrenaline rush has passed and I've had time to adjust my internal clock and settle into a solid battle rhythm. I started work immediately upon arrival — you have to in order to try and keep up with the pace of operations. I understand my job now and know what role I play — and I can honestly say that I wouldn't trade this experience for the world.

My job's amazing. I'd compare it to being a smaller version of a Mission Support Group commander at home. I'm known as the "mayor," so every inch of ground and the infrastructure (flightline to flushies) falls under my area of responsibility.

Accordingly, I get to lead the hardest working group of civil engineering, communications, services and personnel troops that you've ever seen. In addition, I'm the person who gets to help shape the future construction plans for Camp Cunningham — home to the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group. Very challenging, very unique and very rewarding!

Yes, days here are long. Typically 12 to 16 hours a day, seven days a week is the norm for everyone. Yes, we have to walk 100 to 200 yards in order to use the bathroom or take a shower. Yes, we have to conserve water and live in austere conditions (compared to the States) in a totally different environment. And yes, this is a dangerous place, filled with threats that include being assigned to the most heavily mined base in the most heavily mined country on the face of the planet. Yet, regardless of rank or specialty, the joy we get from participating in this critical mission overrides any of the little inconveniences that we face day to day.

All of us realize that our primary mission here is to survive, operate and ensure that the formidable "Bulldogs" can deploy, engage and destroy the enemy at a moment's notice. However, unless you're one of the few extraordinary men and women who direct the A-10 Thunderbolt II into action, exacting punishment on the enemy with its 30mm gun, Maverick missiles and 500 pound bombs the "Hog" carries into battle, it's sometimes hard to realize whether or not what we do (as support toads) really makes a difference.

Well, let me assure you that whether you're one of the highly skilled maintainers who are keeping the jets mission capable (reaching a rate as high as an incredible 92 percent); a civil engineer troop who has busted hump 14-hours-a-day pouring concrete to expand a taxiway or shoveling dirt and moving heavy metal frames to build revetments that mitigate the risk to our weapons systems; or, you're one of only two services troops who work non-stop making billeting arrangements and implementing morale

welfare and retention activities for hundreds of personnel — there's no doubt that these efforts are having a positive impact on our overall combat effectiveness.

The reason? Because our pilots know that they have committed professionals who are pro-actively working behind the scenes to take care of those instrumental pieces of the support mission and it relieves them of that extra burden. In turn, those contributions enable our operators to concentrate fully on their role, their responsibility, their preparation and their execution of the mission that they are called upon to perform—to fly, fight and win!

As Colonel Gary "G-Man" Woltering, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group commander states, "Without our superb support professionals, and the incredible job they do with Bagram's impromptu infrastructure, our pilots would not be able to do their mission. Our team rocks because like all championship teams, we're committed, both individually and as a group, to doing whatever it takes to make the team successful."

In addition, our very own Lt Col. John "Horn dog" Horner (Commander, 354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron) had this to say, "Even more so than in a peacetime operating environment, combat support is critical to success in austere forward environments without support, the mission will not succeed. There are no work arounds for keeping the sword sharp and lethal!"

Hey, everyone would like to be the starting quarterback on an NFL team. But like our pilots, there are only a few of those positions

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Final Answer

What is your favorite thing about Easter?



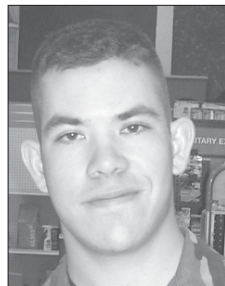
Capt. Renee Cevey
355th Medical
Operations Squadron

"It's the biggest reminder of when Christ was resurrected and of his triumph over death."



Dana Matlock
Wife of Petty Officer 1st
Class Jeffrey Matlock,
U.S.S. Peleliu

"Getting together with family and going to church, out to breakfast and egg hunts for the kids."



Airman Steven Button
355th Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron

"My favorite part of Easter is being able to go home and see family and friends I haven't seen in over a year."



Airman First Class Radford Cambia
355th Logistics
Readiness Squadron

"I enjoy how everyone comes together to celebrate the holiday."



Airman 1st Class Kevin Cartino
563rd Maintenance
Squadron

"The Cadbury eggs."



Petty Officer 3rd Class Eric Elmquist
Atlantic Fleet Band, Va.

"I like the Easter egg hunts the best."

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and there are only a small minority of qualified individuals with the skill set required to take the snap from behind center. The rest of us are the defensive backs, the guards, tackles and the special teams players who are the keys to the quarterback's success. It takes the entire team's sense of pride, work ethic, commitment-to-excellence and focus on perfecting our individual roles to win in a very challenging environment. Without that team effort, the quarterback isn't going to be successful regardless of that individual's talent level.

The same can be said if the Air Force's combat support element doesn't excel in its mission especially in a combat zone. If the personnel technician fails to make an update in the system to properly in-process a new member guess what, that member will not get paid and then their mind will be on that issue instead of

the job at hand. If the ammo troop who is responsible for arming the 500-pounders fails to pull a pin before an A-10 departs on a mission—that weapon will not employ as intended. If one of our supply technician hasn't completed a proper inventory to ensure every member in this combat environment has been issued individual protective equipment and a weapon they are placing that member and their unit in jeopardy. If the incredibly talented command post experts aren't on the top of their game "24 hours a day, 7 days a week" they risk compromising the command and control architecture and processes that are in place to enable senior leadership to orchestrate an operation.

You get the picture. The bottom line for all "combat support warriors" to keep in mind is that every Airman, regardless of specialty, who has taken the oath and is called upon to perform duties on the front lines of freedom is vitally important. We must understand this fact, take

pride in this calling and take the necessary measures to prepare ourselves properly in garrison before the AEF bucket with our name on it tags us for the next deployment. Remember, the amount of dedication and sweat put into a profession during peacetime will directly impact how individuals perform under the pressure of a wartime environment.

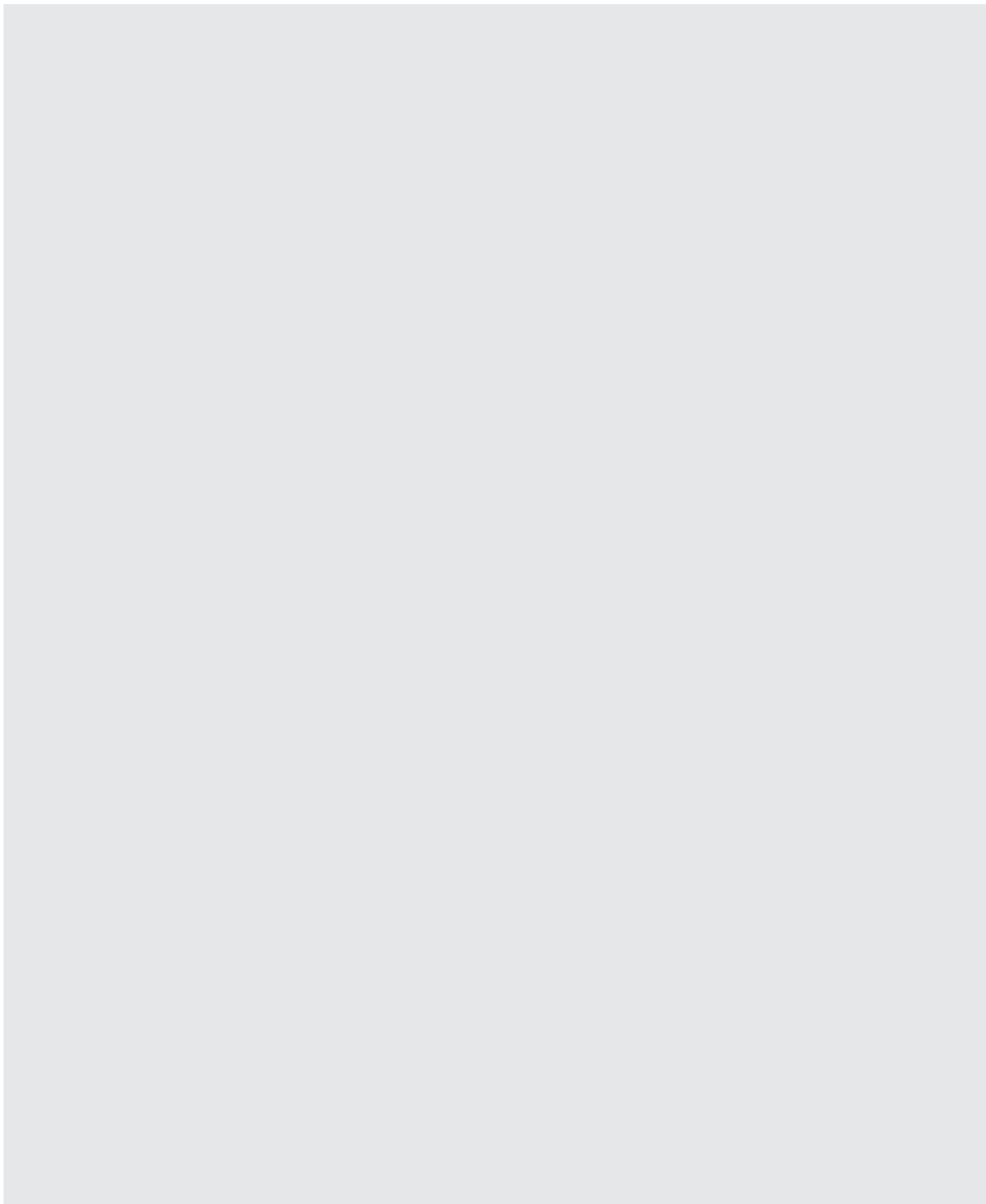
If you're like me, you're preparing yourselves right now ... and you can't wait for the coach to put you into the big game because you know that

without the best possible combat support, the overall mission will suffer!



Courtesy Photo

Lt. Col. Bob LaBrutta, 355th Mission Support Squadron commander at Davis-Monthan, currently serving as the 455th Expeditionary Support Squadron commander, doesn't give a second thought to putting on the work gloves, getting dirty and pitching in wherever he can to support the mission at his deployed location.



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member (officer, enlisted or civilian) of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)



Courtesy Photo

Name: 1st Lt. Damien Pavlik

Organization: 755th Operations Support Squadron

Duty title: Executive officer, resource advisor and EC-130H navigator

Hometown: Tucson, Ariz.

Years of service: Seven

Reason for joining the Air Force: I enlisted because I love airplanes and I knew the Air Force would help me finish college. I joined Reserve Officer Training with the hope to fly someday.

Main responsibilities: Manage the commander's schedule and assist in a variety of tasks including the staffing of performance reports and navigating the EC-130H.

Best aspects of the job: Working with and being able to help people and of course to fly.

Goals: My goals are to complete Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training and succeed as a fighter or bomber pilot starting in May.

Hobbies/outside activities: Spending time with my family, traveling and jogging.

Favorite thing about D-M: The awesome flying weather and having my family close by.

Best assignment: Navigator training at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. Nav school was a great experience and San Antonio was a fun town to live in.

Inspiration: My father, Keith, inspires me. He is the quintessence of patience and wisdom, a true role model.

Soon- to- be new captains

Congratulations to the following first lieutenants from Davis-Monthan recently selected for promotion to captain:

Tracy Taylor, 12th Air Force
Dawn Brackrog, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron
Randy Croft, 355th Wing
Caronwyn Jones, 355th Medical Group
Liza Theriault, 355th Mission Support Group
Dyann Schilling, 612th Air Base Squadron
Jessica Hall, 612th Air Communications Squadron
Patricia Morgan, 612th Air Intelligence Squadron

Red Cross blood drive

Blood supplies are low all over the world. The Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive Thursday at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information or to make an appointment, call Lydia Parker at 228-3131.

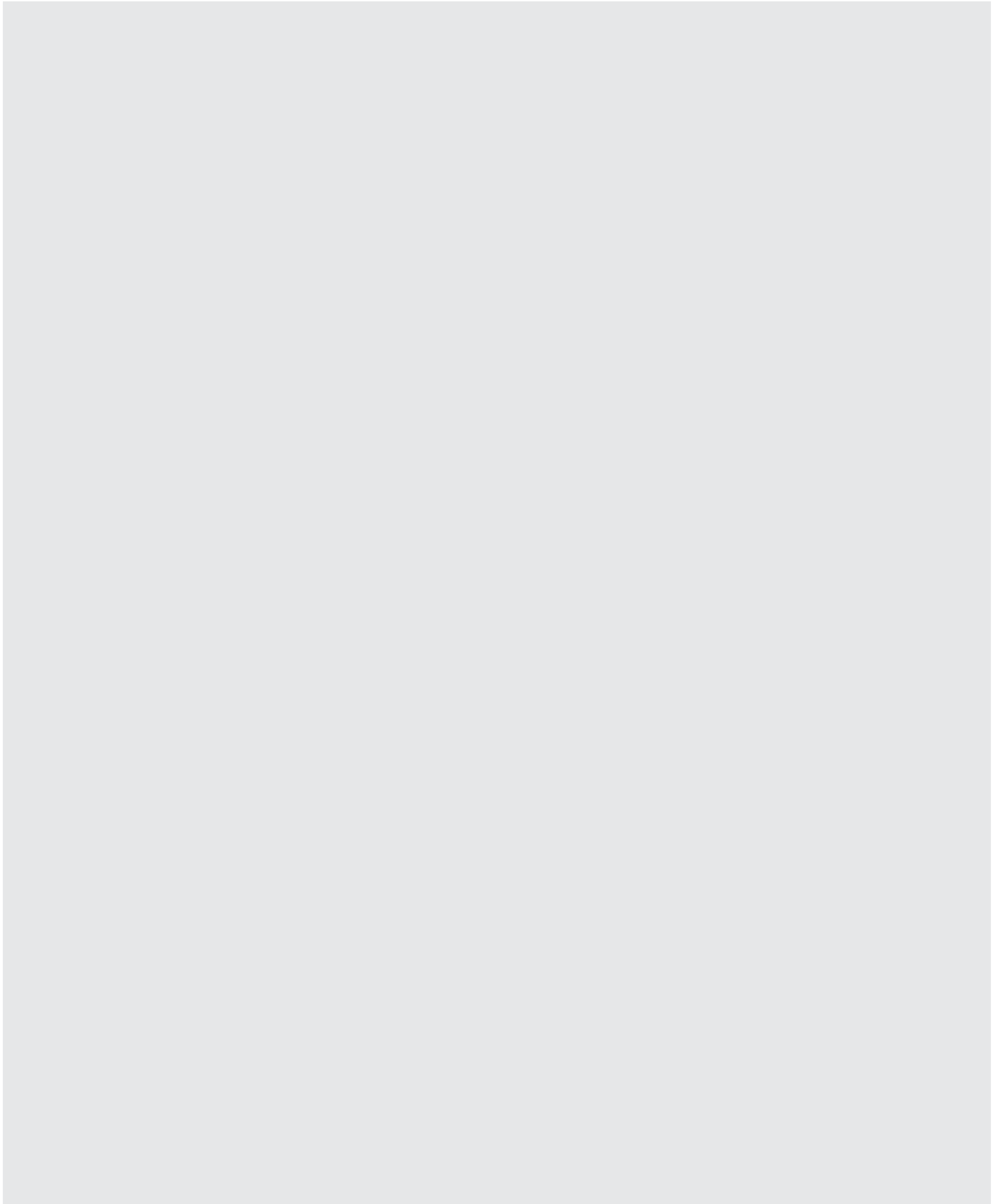


Major selects picked for IDE

The U.S. Air Force major promotion board chose the best-qualified officers to be selectees for in-residence Intermediate Developmental Education level schools.

Congratulations to the major-selects from D-M who were chosen:

Jason Lamb, 12th Air Force
Toby Doran, 12th Air Force Information Warfare Flight
Jason Pifer, 48th Rescue Squadron
Kevin Merrill, 55th Rescue Squadron
Preston McConnell, 354th Fighter Squadron
Jennifer Short, 354th FS
Heather Nelson, 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron
John Boudreaux, 355th Communications Squadron
Lyle Drew, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron
Joann Mitchell, 355th Medical Operations Squadron
Christopher Plante, 357th Fighter Squadron
Michael Harrell, 358th Fighter Squadron
Ray Dockery, 612th Air Communications Squadron
Philip Acquaro, 755th Operation Support Squadron



Put the trash in the can - ESOHCAMP tips



Photos by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

After installing a new lightbulb in the unit, Airman 1st Class Jason Allred, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, disposes a burnt-out bulb.

ESOH Tip: Fluorescent bulbs are considered hazardous waste and must be placed in a metal storage container.



Staff Sgt. Rudy Guzman, 355th CES, properly disposes of batteries that have worn out.

ESOH Tip: To properly dispose of batteries, tape the positive ends and store them in the proper container in accordance with the D-M Hazardous Waste Management Plan.



The Environmental Safety, Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program assessments at Davis-Monthan are approaching quickly. The internal assessment will be held April 26 to 30 to prepare for the external assessment June 21 to 25. All units at D-M are susceptible to being assessed.

It is every member of the Desert Lightning team's responsibility to be aware of ESOH procedures and to fix possible violations. Use the following ESOH tips in and around D-M.

For more information, contact Tim Jackson, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron ESOH program manager at 228-5928.



ESOH Tip: Aerosol cans must be stored in a metal, self-closing, flammable material container and marked with the words "Flammable" and "Aerosol cans for puncturing."

ESOH Tip: All dumpsters are required to be shut at all times except when placing trash in them. Open dumpsters are an ESOH violation.

(Left) Mr. Alan Vogel, a quality control manager for housing maintenance, tosses a bag of garbage into the dumpster behind his unit's building.



Completing a task, Senior Airman Kenneth Ridgway, 355th CES, properly stores a flammable canister in an approved flammable storage locker.

ESOH Tip: All flammable storage lockers should have a 3-point closure system, a spill containment area in the bottom, marked with appropriate warnings and kept secured when not in use.

ESOH Tip: Chemicals stored in a container other than the original, must be labeled with the name of the chemical, manufacturer, specific hazard and emergency phone numbers.

ESOH Tip: All offices must have recycling containers labeled for aluminum cans, paper, glass and plastic for disposal to the Davis-Monthan recycle yard on Yuma Street.

ESOH Tip: Every unit must have a Material Data Safety Sheet that is specific to the manufacturer of each of the chemical's used in the unit accessible to all who may use the chemical.

(Below) Donald O'Malley, 355th CES, reads over a Material Data Safety Sheet that contains pertinent information about each of the chemicals stored in the unit.



Healthy marital conflict important

By Chaplain (1st Lt.) Randy Croft
355th Wing

In the spring of 1894, the Baltimore Orioles went to Boston to play a routine baseball game. What happened that day was anything but routine. The Orioles' player-manager, John McGraw, got into a fight with the Boston third baseman. Players from both teams immediately started brawling on the field. Fighting soon spread among the fans. One fan set fire to the stands. The fire destroyed the \$75,000 south end grounds and 170 buildings covering 12 acres around the field.

This must have been about the time hockey was invented ... so much for a little healthy conflict. But can conflict ever be healthy

in the first place?

Sometimes married couples avoid conflict at all cost, afraid that any discord or contention will lead to relationship melt-down.

The absence of conflict in a marriage can actually be bad; couples sometimes avoid issues instead of dealing with them. Researchers have found that happily married couples average about 10 irreconcilable differences. How a couple handles conflict is more important than the frequency of their conflicts.

John Gottman, author of "The Relationship Cure," has studied

Ask the Chaplain



successful marriages for more than 20 years and is the director of the "Love Lab" at the University of Washington, Seattle, Wash. He found

that marital conflicts are not resolved about 70 percent of the time. Many unresolved conflicts are caused by personality differences between couples. Conflict resolution in these cases is not critical. Coping with problems and discussing them in a healthy environment are the keys to a successful marriage.

Healthy conflict takes place when a couple openly discusses issues and differences. The

couple avoids name calling, contempt, insults, defensiveness (stonewalling) and put downs.

Healthy couples practice listening to one another's viewpoints and they acknowledge differences. Healthy couples work towards solutions that benefit both parties.

Sometimes there are great differences between marriage partners. But healthy couples keep an attitude of unconditional love and acceptance - they're "fighting with a friend."

"Wounds from a friend can be trusted," states Proverbs Chapter 27: Verse 6.

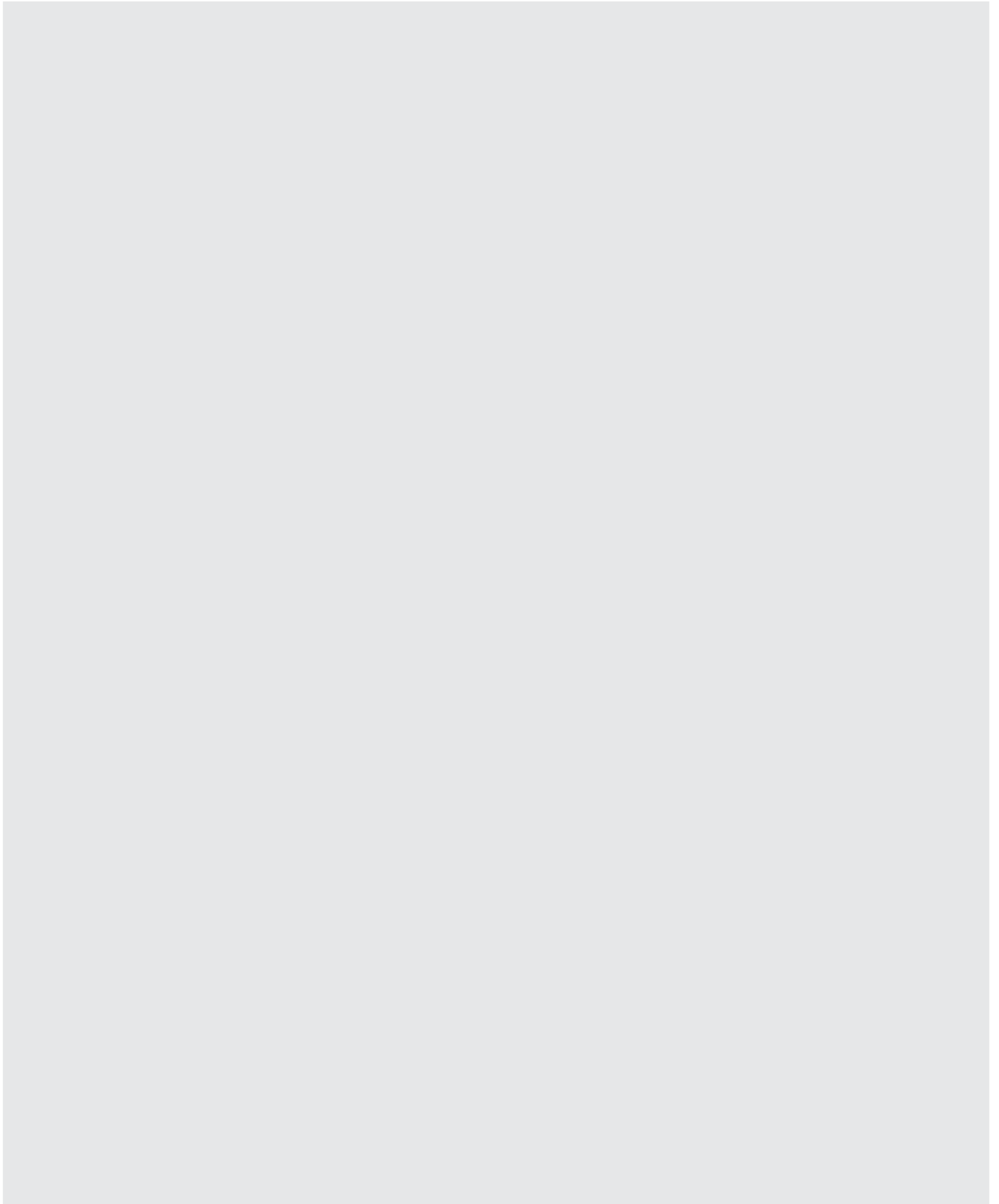
It's how you play the game of conflict that really matters. Play Ball! **(Editor's note: The "Ask the Chaplain" corner is a monthly feature of "The Lighter Side." Content is submitted by the 355th Wing Chapel. For more information, call 228-3071.)**

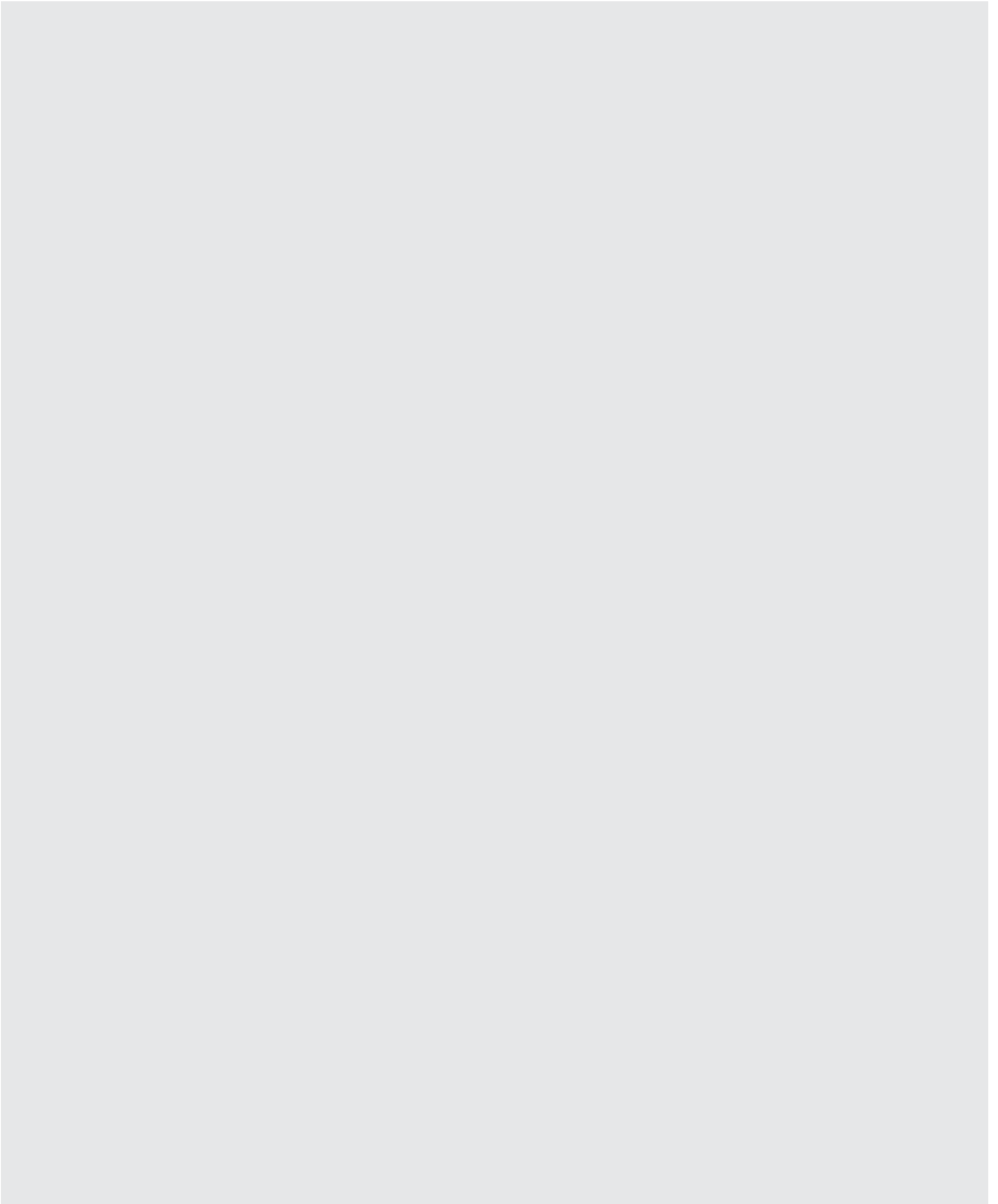


Use this coupon with the purchase of a 12" cheese pizza at Cabanas and receive one topping free! To see the entire Cabanas menu, visit www.dmservicesonline.com.

One coupon per customer. Expense to GLAC 752 A5. Expires April 15.

Desert Lightning
Freebies







Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Senior Master Sgt. Robert Madigan, 612th Air Communications Squadron first sergeant, stretches before he begins his workout at the Davis-Monthan Fitness and Sports Center.

Flexibility is the key

Ensuring proper flexibility lessens the chance of injuries due to muscle strain. "It is recommended to warm up and stretch five to 10 minutes before starting physical activity," said Cesar Vinuesa, 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron Davis-Monthan fitness program manager. "The best stretches are 'static stretches.'" These are held for 10 to 20 seconds at a position to the point of mild tension.

Working out on a regular schedule also contributes to better overall flexibility. Staying physically fit by following a well structured and safe exercise program will give muscles the exercise they need to stay in good shape.

"A body that is used to stretching is more flexible than one that is not used to stretching," said Mr. Vinuesa.

When flexible, a body can withstand extra effort, while a stiff body is susceptible to injury.

For information on proper stretching techniques before beginning a workout or any strenuous activity, contact Mr. Vinuesa at the Health and Wellness Center at 228-5003.

Sports Shorts

New pool hours

The Davis-Monthan Fitness and Sports Center pool hours are 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays and holidays. For more information, call 228-0015.

ACC Bowling Championships

The Air Combat Command Bowling Championships finish up today at the Davis-Monthan Bowling Center. Everyone is invited to watch some great bowling and root on the D-M representatives. Prizes for the male and female divisions, scratch and handicap are: 1st place - \$1,000; 2nd place - \$500; 3rd place and \$250. For more information, call 228-3461.

Archery Clinic

There is an Archery Clinic April 17, 24 and May 1 at the Archery Center located at 5743 East Speedway Road. The program is for youth ages 9 to 18 years and is from 8 to 11 a.m. The group will leave the youth center at 8 a.m. Space is limited and the cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. The fee and registration form must be turned in together to secure a spot. For more information, call 228-8484.

Hutch Pool Hike

Take a day trip with outdoor recreation to

Hutch's Pool in Sabino Canyon May 8. This famous natural pool is located in a scenic rock gorge. The water is cool even in the hottest part of the year. The hike is 8.2 miles round trip with a 600 foot elevation climb. The cost of \$15 includes park fees, transportation and a guide. The trip departs from outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. For more information, or to sign up, call 228-3736.

Patagonia Lake Family Camping Trip

Join outdoor recreation for a trip to Patagonia Lake for family camping fun May 15 and 16. Outdoor recreation will help set up camp, cook the food and complete other necessary camping chores. All participants have to do is have fun. The cost is \$60 and includes all camping equipment, food, transportation, park fees and a guide. The trip departs at 8 a.m. May 15 and returns at 5 p.m. May 16. For more information, or to sign up, call 228-3736.

Grand Canyon Rafting

Take the trip of a lifetime down the Lower Gorge of the Grand Canyon May 27 through 30. This three-day trip provides a wide variety of excitement from the first day of rapids to floating and relaxing in the smooth

Fitness Center Classes

The following is a list of classes offered at both fitness centers. Class fee is listed if applicable.

Monday

11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - Medium Intensity - New Fitness Center
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - New FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - New FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - New FC
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 years plus) - New FC

Tuesday

9:15 to 10 a.m. - Water Aerobics - High - New FC
10 to 11 a.m. - Senior/Low Impact Aerobics - \$2 - New FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - New FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - \$2 - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - \$2 - New FC
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - Haeffner
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner
6 to 8 p.m. - Self Defense (Kyokushin) - \$25/month - New FC

Wednesday

11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - Medium - New FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - New FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - New FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - New FC
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - New FC

Thursday

9:15 to 10 a.m. - Water Aerobics - (High Intensity) - New FC
10 to 11 a.m. - Senior/Low Impact Aerobics - \$2 - New FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - \$2 - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - New FC
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - Haeffner
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner
6 to 8 p.m. - Kyokushin - \$25/month - New FC

Friday

11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - (Medium Intensity) - New FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - New FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, white and yellow belt) - New FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, orange belts and up) - New FC
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - New FC

Saturday

10 to 11 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - New FC
11 a.m. to 11:45 - Water (Medium Intensity) - New FC

Sunday

10 to 11 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - New FC

Pool hours: Mondays through Fridays 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays and Holidays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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current on the second and third days. There is also a new paddle raft and an inflatable kayak for those wishing to get closer to the adventure. Or, for those who would prefer, relax on a 16-foot oar-powered raft and let the trip leaders do the work. Cost for the trip is \$480 and includes equipment, food, permits, transportation and experienced trip leaders. The trip departs at 7 a.m. May 27 and returns at 10 p.m. May 30. For more information, or to sign up, call 228-3736.

Black Canyon Canoe Trip

Visit the canyon of history, beauty and wildlife. Just below the concrete monolith of Hoover Dam lies the natural curiosities of Sauna Cave and the Hot Water Falls of Goldstrike Canyon. Participants can scan the steep canyon walls for bighorn sheep or simply enjoy nature's gran-

deur as they soothe their muscles in the natural hot tub at Arizona Hot Springs. They can also treat themselves to a relaxing and peaceful weekend on the river. The cost of \$130 includes equipment, transportation, permits and a guide. The trip departs at 8 a.m. June 25 and returns at approximately 8 p.m. June 27. For more information, or to sign up, call 228-3736.

Archery, Trap & Skeet ranges

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Archery Range and Trap & Skeet Range is available to all active duty, dependents, Department of Defense civilians and retirees. The Archery Range is co-located with the Paintball Range off of Yuma Road. Anyone wishing to use the Archery Range may check out the key from outdoor recreation during their regular weekday hours. The Trap & Skeet Range is open Saturdays and Sundays from

8 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$4 per round which is 25 clay pigeons. The Skeet Range is located at the end of Yuma Road at the Firing Range. For more information on either activity, contact outdoor recreation at 228-3736.

Teen Outdoor Adventure

This program allows teens to experience outdoor adventure in a fun and positive way. There is a meeting April 29 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the youth center for parents and teens interested in participating in the following programs: archery clinic, May 1; Rocks & Ropes, May 15; Lake Patagonia, May 22; archery camp, May 24 to 28; bike ride, May 28; Grand Canyon White Water Rafting, June 17 to 21; Breakers Water Park, July 13; or Camp Pendleton, July 22 to 25. Fundraising and general information will be discussed at the meeting. Programs and trips are subject to change. For more

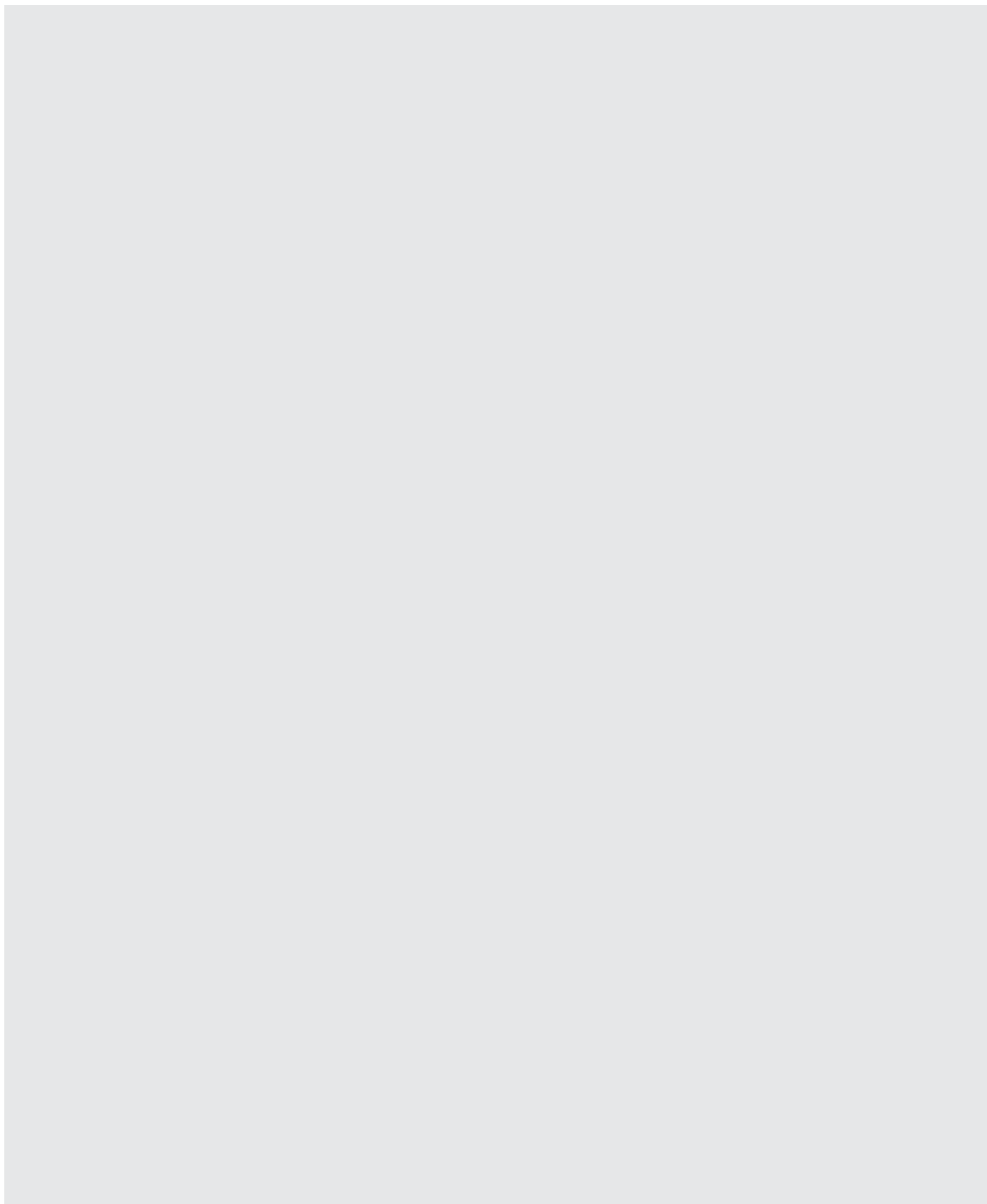
information, call the youth center at 228-8484.

Fishing and hunting licenses

Outdoor recreation has Arizona fishing and hunting licenses. The following prices are state regulated: Fishing: State: \$18; Urban: \$16; Two-pole stamp is an additional \$4 and trout stamp is an extra \$10.50; hunting: \$25.50; deer tag: \$17.50; combo: \$44 (combo includes fishing license and trout stamp). For more information, call 228-3736.

AFA Golf Tournament

The 21 Annual Air Force Association Golf Tournament is April 30. Shotgun start is at noon. The format is four-man teams with two best balls being added together for the team score per hole. Entry fee is \$40 per person and includes golf cart, green fees, prizes and giveaways. To sign up a team, call Senior Master Sgt. Steve Canter at 228-3070.



Chapel Information

The following is a list of Easter services and activities offered by the D-M chapel this week. Location is at the Desert Dove Chapel unless otherwise noted. The Desert Dove and Hope Chapels share the parking lot at 5385 E. Ironwood. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministry, call 228-5411.

Catholic Services during Holy Week

Good Friday (today): Live Stations of the Cross at Hope Chapel at 3 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Mass at 7:30 and 10 a.m.

Protestant Easter celebration

Good Friday (today): Services at noon at Hope Chapel.

Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service on the Desert Dove Chapel lawn at 6 a.m. followed by a fellowship breakfast. Contemporary Service Easter Celebration at 9:45 a.m. at Hope Chapel. There will be a musical multimedia presentation, continental breakfast following the service and Easter baskets for the kids. The Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. and the Gospel/Inspirational Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel.

Education Services

Commissioning briefings

There are commissioning briefings Wednesday at 9 a.m. and April 22 at 2 p.m. Both will be in Building 3200, Room 243. For more information about the briefings, call Michelle Marinelli at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

CCAF graduation

The spring Community College of the Air Force graduation is May 14 at 2 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. Graduates will be contacted by the Base Training and Education Services staff with more information and details. Points of contact are Michelle Marinelli at 228-4249 and Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

Education Fair

The Base Training and Education Services Office will sponsor an Education Fair, with on-base and local schools attending, May 14 at 3 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. The Fair will follow the Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony. For more information about the organizations who will be present, call Michelle Marinelli at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

College Level Examination Program

Paper based CLEP testing is available through the Base Training and Education Services testing center. Paper based testing is available for CLEP general exams, English composition, social science, humanities,

college algebra, introductory psychology, Principles of Management and many more. For more information, call Marie Hanna at 228-0669 or Phil King at 228-3812.

Financial Aid Book

The Base Training and Education Services Office has copies of the book entitled "Don't Miss Out," which provides a guide to grants, loans, scholarships and tax credits. It cuts through the red tape and government jargon and explodes financial aid myths. It also provides useful addresses, Web sites and phone numbers. Pick up a copy in Building 3200, Room 262. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812.

Family Support Center

Sponsor Training

In order to make a great first impression for new D-M members, attend the Sponsorship Class Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 266. This class covers effective sponsorship and offers useful resources. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Deployed Spouse Seminar

If your spouse is deploying and you have questions, attend a briefing Thursday at 9 a.m., 2 or 7 p.m. Leadership and base agencies will discuss current support available to the families of deployed members. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Thrift Savings Plan

The Personal Financial Management Program will facilitate this class that will cover the basics of the Thrift Savings Plan April 16 from 9 to 10 a.m. in Building 3200, Rooms 266 and 267. Topics will include how much can be contributed, what happens to the money, what happens upon separation or retirement, penalties for early withdrawal and more. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Pre-separation Counseling

This class, held April 20 from 9 to 10 a.m. at the family support center, is mandatory for military members and will acquaint departing members with services and agencies available to help transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 10 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating, retiring or, in special circumstances, as soon as possible. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientations are Tuesday and April 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. Medical Right Start is from 12:40 to 4 p.m. Free childcare is available but must

be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

Happenings

Home Buying Workshop

The Davis-Monthan Housing Management Office sponsors a Home Buying Workshop today from 8 to 10 a.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club in the Daedallion Room. A mortgage company representative will brief the guaranteed home loans for Veterans program as well as how to prepare individuals to be financially ready. A realtor/broker will provide guidelines to follow and pitfalls to avoid while trying to buy a home. A representative from a title company will explain the escrow title search process. Door prizes and refreshments will be available. For more information, or reservations, call Tina West at 228-5548 or send an e-mail to sally.west@dm.af.mil.

Gold Star Wives of America

Gold Star mothers are invited to the Gold Star Wives of America Southwest Region Conference April 16 to 18 at the Hilton Hotel, 7600 East Broadway. For reservations, call Carolyn Dake at 326-0823.

Holocaust Day of Remembrance

The Holocaust Day of Remembrance at the Desert Dove Chapel is April 19 at 11:30 a.m. The event serves as a way for people to remember what can happen to any minority when the abnormalities of a society become its norms. There will be eight Holocaust survivors in attendance. A free reception will follow. For more information, call Chaplain (1st Lt.) Duane McCrory at 228-5411.

ASIST

There is an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training April 28 and 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Space is limited. For more information, call Senior Airman Jennifer Coburn at 228-5411.

Desert Homeschoolers

The Desert Homeschoolers of D-M is an inclusive support group for homeschooling families assigned to D-M. For more information, contact Renee 745-2701, or visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/homeschooldm/>.

Thrift shop

The Davis-Monthan Thrift Shop, located on Ironwood Street across from the bowling alley, is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments close at 1 p.m.

Movies

Due to renovations at the Davis-Monthan theater, there will be no movies Friday through Sunday. The theater is scheduled to re-open April 16.

The Mirage in April 2004

Friendly Reminder...Members may only use ONE Service Buck per transaction.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Champane Sunday Brunch! \$16.95 (mbrs receive \$2 discount) 10-1:30pm All of your favorite breakfast & lunch entrees Kids 6-12, \$8.95 (mbrs \$1 discount) Kids 5 & under, \$4.95 (mbrs \$1 discount) Wfrs eat FREE (\$2 for non-mbrs)	Monday Lunch Chef's Choice! \$7.85 10-1:30pm All of your favorite breakfast & lunch entrees Kids 6-12, \$8.95 (mbrs \$1 discount) Kids 5 & under, \$4.95 (mbrs \$1 discount) Wfrs eat FREE (\$2 for non-mbrs)	Tuesday Lunch Country Buffet \$7.85 10-1:30pm All of your favorite breakfast & lunch entrees Kids 6-12, \$8.95 (mbrs \$1 discount) Kids 5 & under, \$4.95 (mbrs \$1 discount) Wfrs eat FREE (\$2 for non-mbrs)	Wednesday Lunch BBQ Buffet \$7.85 10-1:30pm All of your favorite breakfast & lunch entrees Kids 6-12, \$8.95 (mbrs \$1 discount) Kids 5 & under, \$4.95 (mbrs \$1 discount) Wfrs eat FREE (\$2 for non-mbrs)	Thursday Lunch Carved Buffet & Pasta Station \$7.85 10-1:30pm All of your favorite breakfast & lunch entrees Kids 6-12, \$8.95 (mbrs \$1 discount) Kids 5 & under, \$4.95 (mbrs \$1 discount) Wfrs eat FREE (\$2 for non-mbrs)	Friday Lunch Catfish Buffet & Meatloaf \$7.85 10-1:30pm All of your favorite breakfast & lunch entrees Kids 6-12, \$8.95 (mbrs \$1 discount) Kids 5 & under, \$4.95 (mbrs \$1 discount) Wfrs eat FREE (\$2 for non-mbrs)	Saturday Lunch 10-1:30pm All of your favorite breakfast & lunch entrees Kids 6-12, \$8.95 (mbrs \$1 discount) Kids 5 & under, \$4.95 (mbrs \$1 discount) Wfrs eat FREE (\$2 for non-mbrs)
Easter Brunch! 1st Sitting: 10:00-12:15 2nd Sitting: 1:30-3:00 Reservations requested & encouraged. Open to all ranks. \$19.95 (all mbrs receive \$3 discount) \$11.95 children 6-12, kids 5 & under eat free!	Members receive up to a \$2 discount per person for lunch or dinner. "It Pays to be a Member!"	ACC Dollar Days Mbrs Breakfast 0630-0830 \$1 (Sorry, no Services Bucks accepted today)	Soul Food Lunch 11:00-1:30 \$7.85 (mbrs receive \$2 discount) Enjoy BBQ Ribs, Southern Fried Baked Chicken, Grilled Pork Chops, Mustard Greens and more!	FRIDAYS! Party in the Poly Bar! 1600-2400 Bar opens 1600 Food, fun & friends begins at 1700 Enjoy dominoes, cards, crud and more!	NAF Property Sale at Both Clubs! 0800 - Come early for best selection & buys! Party on Patio Fiesta Style! Fajitas & all the fixins! DJ pumping out the tunes!	Call Sherry at 228-3301 or 748-0660 to book your special function! (Bookings by appl. only.)
HOURS OF OPERATION Lunch: M-F 11:00-1:30 Dinner: Th & Fri 17:30-20:00 Sunday Brunch: 10:00-1:30 Caterers: Tu-Fr 0800-1700 (for appointment only) Barber Shop: M-F 0800-1600 Bar: W-Th 1600-2100, Fri 1600-2400 Admin Offices: M-F 0800-1600 Cashiers: Cade: M-F 0900-1400, W-F: 0900-1600	PHONE #s Joan Conde Sherry Jones Robert Johnson MAIN OFFICE BARBER SHOP	Club Manager 228-3301, x11 Caterer 228-3301, x12 Chef 228-3301, x16 748-0660 or 228-3301 748-8968	Poly Bar Officers' Lounge Opens 1600-2100 Family Night Italian Style 1730-2000 Take a break from the kitchen. Let us do the cooking tonight! Italian Feast ala Mirage! \$13.95 (mbrs \$2 discount)	2-4-1 Steak/Chicken Fish (or combo) Free glass of wine w/dinner! \$17.95 (mbrs receive \$2 discount) 1730-2000	"The Drift" Classic Rock Band 1830-2230 in Catalina Ballroom	Members FIRST

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Services Activities

Preteen Spring Dance

There is a Preteen Spring Dance April 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. for ages 9 to 12 years old. Cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information, call 228-8484.

Disneyland trip - Apr. 16-18

The Information, Tickets and Travel Office has a trip to Disneyland and California Adventure in Anaheim, Calif., April 16 to 18. Guests will be heading out to enjoy the rides, sights and fun and will stay at the Anaheim Plaza Hotel just across from the parks. The cost of \$200 per adult and \$60 for children ages 3 to 9 years includes a two-day park hopper ticket, transportation and a two-night stay. Sign up deadline is today. For more information, call 228-3736.

Spring Fling Crafts Fair

There is a Spring Fling Crafts Fair, Salsa Making Contest and Car Show April 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bama Park. The day begins with a 15K bike ride and bicycle rodeo. The Crafts Fair and Salsa Making Contest starts at 9 a.m. Come by and check out over 20 vendors displaying and selling beautiful crafts and wares. At 10 a.m., fair goers and race fans alike will have an opportunity to see local racing phenom Kelly Germain, the 2003 NASCAR Factory Stock Champion from Tucson Raceway Park. At noon, the Car Show begins. At 2:30 p.m. there will be jello and pie-eating competitions. A disc jockey and band will be on hand and food will be available for sale. Trophies and prizes will be given to the category winners for the Car Show and Salsa Making Contest. For craft vendors or salsa contest information, call 228-4385. For Car Show information, call the auto skills center at 228-3614 or 228-4930 or 355th Wing Safety at 228-5342.

Day in the Park

In honor of the Month of the Military Child, there is a Day in the Park event April 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be fun and activities for children of all ages including hot dogs and soda. Children have the opportunity to assist in beautifying Bama Park with plants and flowers. For more information, call 228-8484.

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Club Bucks Drawing Every Friday Night!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cashier Hours: T-F: 11am-5pm Office Hours: T-F: 9am-4:30pm Don't Forget "All Ranks Sunday Brunch" at The Mirage 10am-1:30pm Easter Brunch Reservations requested & encouraged Sundays Enjoy "Family Night" at Cabanas! Buy a 12" one-item pizza w/soda at regular price of \$9.25, & get a second one w/soda-item for 1/2 price! CLUB CLOSED SUNDAYS Cabanas Open 3-8pm	Shock Wave Lounge: Mon: Closed Tues & Thurs: 4-8pm Wed: 4-11pm Fri: 3-11pm Sat: Closed Sun: Closed CLUB CLOSED MONDAYS	Cabanas 747-3234 Mon-Thurs: 10:30am-8pm Fri: 10:30am-10pm Sat & Sun: 3-8pm Cabanas Lunch Special! 1030-1330 BBQ Beef Brisket Sandwich w/fries or tossed salad & soda Only \$5.95 ACC DOLLAR DAYS MEMBERS Breakfast 0630-0830 Shock Wave Lounge 4-8pm Call Brenda at 228-3100 or e-mail brenda.freeman@dm.af.mil to book your special functions! (Booking by appointment only)	Eat at The Mirage Lunch Served Mon-Fri 11am-1pm Dinner Served: Wed & Thurs 5:30-8pm "IT PAYS TO BE A CLUB MEMBER!" Shock Wave Lounge Karaoke & M.U.G. Night! 8-11pm Bring your own mug for \$1.50 refills! Your choice of Domestic Draft, Soda or Juice (Coke limit) Specials for our under 21 members! DM Members under 21 get all non-alcoholic beverages 1/2 price! Maintain your DM "2" membership & get credit toward your 21st birthday party at the club! CLUB CREDIT AMOUNTS: 3 months = \$75 6 months = \$150 1 year or longer = \$300 Shock Wave Lounge FREE Tacos 5-6pm	FRIDAYS! Shock Wave Lounge Social Hour Food 5-6pm "Join us for dominoes & card games!" "Hip-Hop, Jazz & Blues" w/DJ "Insane Payne" 6-11pm "Variety Music" w/ "The Wrecking Crew" 6-11pm NAF Property Sale on east patio at Both Clubs 0800-? "Hip-Hop, Jazz & Blues" w/DJ "Insane Payne" 6-11pm "Variety Music" w/ "The Wrecking Crew" 6-11pm "Hip-Hop, Jazz & Blues" w/DJ "Insane Payne" 6-11pm	Barber Shop: Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm Sat: 8am-1pm 748-6710 CLUB CLOSED SATURDAYS Cabanas Open 3-8pm Friendly Reminder... Members may only use ONE Service Buck per transaction.	

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Youth Easter Egg Hunt

There will be a youth Easter Egg Hunt today on the patio lawn of The Mirage Officers' Club. The time for children 3 and 4 years of age is 9 a.m., for children 5 and 6 years of age is 9:30 a.m., for children 7 to 9 years of age is 10 a.m. and for children 10 to 12 years of age is 10:30 a.m. Children under the age of 3 will receive a gift from the Easter Bunny. Participating youth will be given a card and must find the one egg with the same color and design as the card. This will not be a race or a contest. Each child will re-

ceive an Easter gift treat bag. For more information, call 228-8484.

Easter Brunch at The Mirage

The Mirage Officers' Club will host an Easter brunch Sunday. There will be two sittings; one from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and one from 1 to 3 p.m. Reservations are requested and encouraged. Brunch is open to all ranks. Cost is \$19.95 for adults, \$11.95 for ages 6 to 12 years and free for kids under 5 years. Members receive a \$3 discount. To make a reservation, call 228-3301.